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To: [redacted] December 1948 25X1

From: Colonel Whi [redacted]

Attached hereto is self-explanatory memorandum. The following sequence of events prompts this memorandum:

I did not personally know that [redacted] was not getting Group 2 allowances until about two weeks ago. The Administrative Officer had been aware of this fact but had been informed by [redacted] 25X1
Fiscal Division, that [redacted] was not entitled to these allowances 25X1
since he was only CAF-12. Neither Personnel nor Fiscal Branch, Budget and Finance, remembered the Director's memorandum dated 15 October 1947 (Reference b., attached memorandum). I did remember this memorandum and was able to find it. Discussion with [redacted] 25X1
of Personnel and [redacted], Fiscal Division, indicated that this was 25X1
sufficient authority and Seely could receive these allowances. Subsequently, however, it was decided by both of these Branches that since this memorandum preceded Reference a, basic communication, by 10 days, it was no longer applicable and we would have to get specific authority for [redacted] all over again. Hence, the attached memorandum to 25X1
the Director was prepared. Upon taking it to the Chief, Personnel Branch, he indicated that he thought it was all right but he would prefer to have Budget and Finance Branch concur first, and that if they concurred he would. Upon carrying it to Budget and Finance for concurrence [redacted], FBIB Administrative Officer was advised 25X1
that [redacted] General Counsel's Office, and rendered a verbal 25X1
opinion that the Director's memorandum of 15 October 1947 (reference b) was still in effect, regardless of the fact that Reference a was issued 10 days later. The net result is that after several hours of effort devoted to this matter, which should have been solved in a few minutes, and hand-carrying it to both Personnel and Finance, we have not received a concurrence nor an indication that they do not wish to concur. They now advise us that if Mr. Warner issues a legal opinion in writing, which they understand he is going to do, this memorandum is now unnecessary.

While both Budget and Finance and Personnel Branches are always individually most cooperative with FBIB, and I am sure that they do not intend to cause us unnecessary work, this is a rather clear illustration of some of the difficulties we encounter sometimes in trying to coordinate the Branches of A & M on a particular subject before this subject is presented to the Executive for A & M. A great deal of time and effort could be saved if such problems could be presented to the Executive for A & M without concurrences of the Branches of his office, and let him do the coordinating.

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In this particular case I have talked with Warner and he assures me that he will render this opinion in writing. Hence I do not believe that it is necessary for you to sign and forward the attached memorandum to the Director. I do think, however, that this matter might be discussed with the Executive for A & M and request that it be done in such a manner as not to jeopardize the present cordial relations between FBIB and the individual branches of A & M.

L. K. WHITE

Attachment: Memo. to Director

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cc: Adm. Off.

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